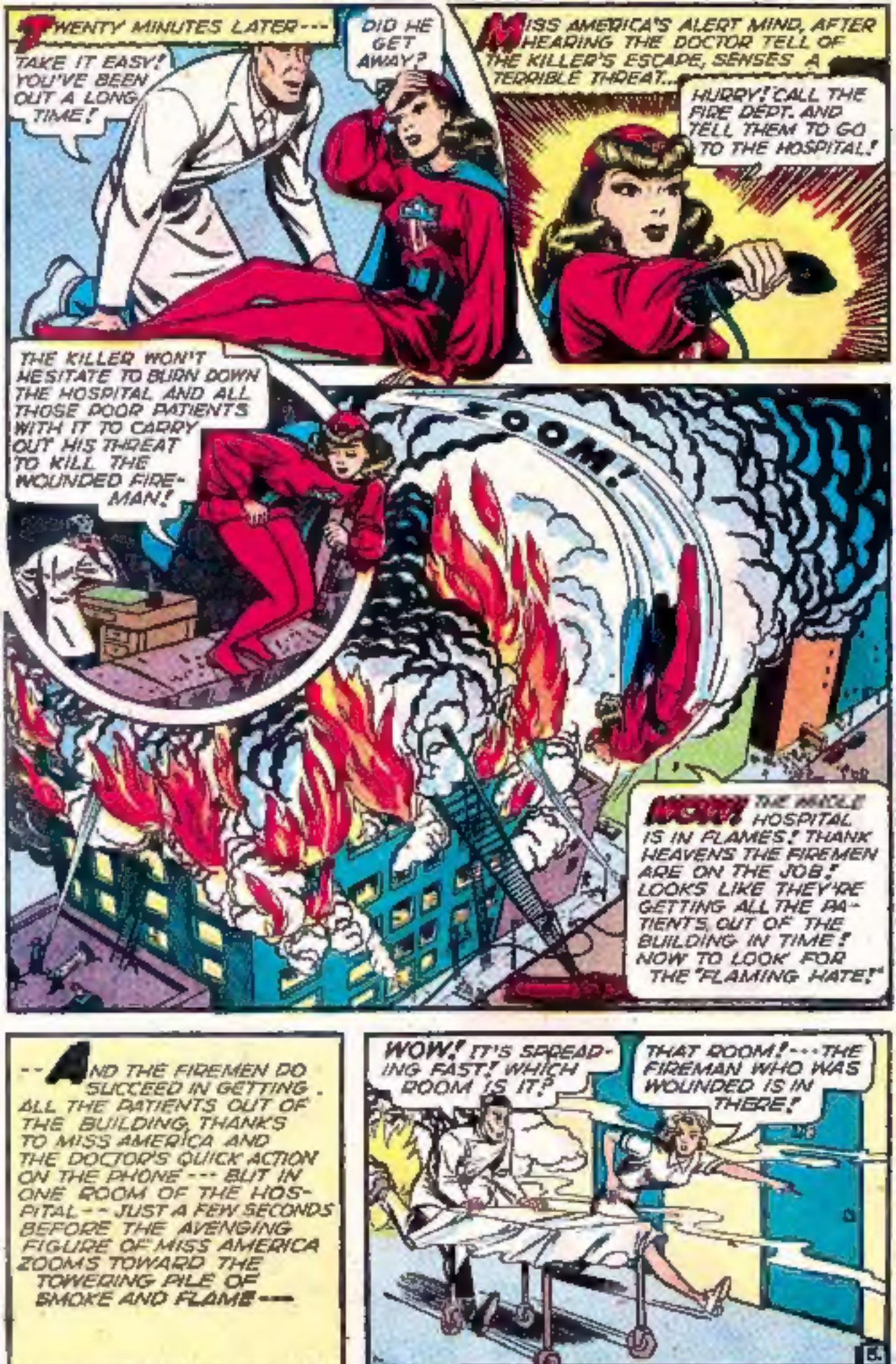
Miss
AMERICA
INTREPID FIREMEN QUAKING IN PERIL AS THEY STAND BEFORE BLAZING INFERNOS! NOT FEAR OF FIRE BUT OF MYSTERIOUS DANGER LURKING WITHIN! FEAR OF THE UNSEEN HAND TAKING ITS TOLL AT EACH FIRE! STRIKING SWIFTLY AND UNERRINGLY... MURDERING ONE OF THEM EVERYTIME THEY GO FORTH TO DO THEIR DUTY!
MISS AMERICA ZOOMS THRU SEARING FLAME AND SMOKE TO HUNT DOWN THE MENACE OF THE..
FLAMING HATE!

MADELINE AND HER UNCLE ARE STOPPED AT A STRONG POLICE LINE THROWN AROUND A RAGING FIRE!
HELLO, CAPTAIN! WHY ALL THE POLICE?
FLAMING HATE?
OH--HELLO THERE, MR. BENTON! WE'RE TRYING TO TRAP A KILLER WHO CALLS HIMSELF THE FLAMING HATE!
YEP! THAT'S WHAT HE CALLS HIMSELF! WORKS AT FIRE ONLY AND KILLS ONLY FIREMEN--THE SAME WAY WITH A KNIFE IN THE BACK AND A CARD SIGNED FLAMING HATE!
ANY CLUES?
NO! WE'VE BEEN WATCHING EVERY FIRE WITH HUNDREDS OF MEN BUT HE SLIPS THRU!
BUT A SIXTH SENSE WARNS MADELINE AND SHE REFUSES TO GO WITH THEM AS SHE SEES A FURTIVE FIGURE DASH THRU THE POLICE RING!
WE'LL GO UP ON A ROOF! YOU'LL GET A BETTER LOOK AT THE FIRE!
COMING, MADELINE?
HUH?--OH--NO,.. UNCLE JIM! I THINK I'LL WATCH FROM HERE!
SOMETHING WRONG! THAT FIGURE DRESSED LIKE A FIREMAN, LOOKED STRANGE! MISS AMERICA BETTER GET IN ON THIS!
SECONDS LATER--MISS AMERICA IS ON THE TRAIL!
IN I GO!
ZOOM!

AND AS MISS AMERICA LANDS INSIDE THE BURNING BUILDING---- SHE SEES---
WOW! CAN'T STAY TOO LONG IN THIS HOT-HOUSE! HEY! THAT FIREMAN OVER THERE! IT'S THE SAME GUY WITH A KNIFE!
NO YOU DON'T, MR. FLAMING HATE! (GROAN) TOO LATE!
I WAS WRONG! HE'S ONLY WOUNDED! HEY! THE KILLER IS GETTING AWAY!
CAN'T LEAVE THIS FELLOW IN THERE TO DIE! I CAN PICK THE TRAIL OF THAT KILLER LATER!
AFTER TURNING OVER THE WOUNDED FIREMAN, MISS AMERICA TAKES TO THE AIR AND SOON PICKS UP THE KILLER'S TRAIL!
SO THAT'S HOW THE FLAMING HATE WORKED! GOT IN AND OUT DRESSED LIKE A FIREMAN! THERE HE GOES OVER THAT FENCE! THAT BUILDING LOOKS LIKE A HOSPITAL!

SECONDS LATER---
THE FLAMING HATE IN HERE? IMPOSSIBLE! THIS IS AN INSANE ASYLUM! NO ONE COULD GET OUT!
I FOLLOWED HIM HERE FROM THE FIRE! HE TRIED TO KILL ANOTHER FIREMAN! HE'S IN THE HOSPITAL NOW, FIGHTING FOR HIS LIFE!
LOOK!
SO HE IS NOT DEAD! AND YOU ARE TO BLAME! FIRST I WILL KILL YOU BOTH AND THEN I WILL FINISH THE FIREMAN IN THE HOSPITAL!
START YOUR KILLING-- I'M WAITING!
MISS AMERICA MEETS THE KILLER WITH A LIGHTNING ATTACK OF HER OWN!
AND THIS WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU!
THE KILLER SUDDENLY LASHES OUT!
HA, HA!
BAM!
HA, HA-- ALL FIREMEN MUST PAY!


TWENTY MINUTES LATER---
TAKE IT EASY! YOU'VE BEEN OUT A LONG TIME!
DID HE GET AWAY?
MISS AMERICA'S ALERT MIND, AFTER HEARING THE DOCTOR TELL OF THE KILLER'S ESCAPE, SENSES A TERRIBLE THREAT...
HURRY! CALL THE FIRE DEPT. AND TELL THEM TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL!
THE KILLER WON'T HESITATE TO BURN DOWN THE HOSPITAL AND ALL THOSE POOR PATIENTS WITH IT TO CARRY OUT HIS THREAT TO KILL THE WOUNDED FIREMAN!
KOOM!
WOW! THE MAGLE HOSPITAL IS IN FLAMES! THANK HEAVENS THE FIREMEN ARE ON THE JOB! LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE GETTING ALL THE PATIENTS OUT OF THE BUILDING IN TIME! NOW TO LOOK FOR THE "FLAMING HATE!"
--AND THE FIREMEN DO SUCCEED IN GETTING ALL THE PATIENTS OUT OF THE BUILDING, THANKS TO MISS AMERICA AND THE DOCTOR'S QUICK ACTION ON THE PHONE --- BUT IN ONE ROOM OF THE HOSPITAL -- JUST A FEW SECONDS BEFORE THE AVENGING FIGURE OF MISS AMERICA ZOOMS TOWARD THE TOWERING PILE OF SMOKE AND FLAME---
WOW! IT'S SPREADING FAST! WHICH ROOM IS IT?
THAT ROOM!---THE FIREMAN WHO WAS WOUNDED IS IN THERE!
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LOOK!
THE KILLER SAVAGELY ATTACKS THE DAZED ORDERLY AS THE NURSE COLLAPSES IN A DEAD FAINT!
HA, HA! NO ONE WILL STOP MY REVENGE!
AND AT THE MOMENT THAT THE CRAZED KILLER IS ABOUT TO PLUNGE THE KNIFE DOWN INTO THE HELPLESS FIGURE ON THE BED--
AH! I'M JUST IN TIME!
HURRY! GET THE FIREMEN TO HELP YOU WITH THE NURSE AND THE PATIENT! I'LL GET THE KILLER!
HA, HA! YOU'LL NEVER GET ME! I MUST LIVE TO TAKE MY REVENGE!
GREAT GUNS! THE FLOOR IS COLLAPSING RIGHT IN FRONT OF HIM!

WITH AN EAR SHATTERING SCREAM OF TERROR, THE KILLER GOES DOWN INTO THE ROARING FIERY PIT TO HIS DOOM! A VICTIM OF HIS OWN FLAMING HATE!
UGH! WHAT A HORRIBLE WAY TO DIE! BETTER GET OUT OF HERE MYSELF! BEST WAY IS BACK THRU THE SAME ROOM!
COULDN'T YOU GET HELP?
TRIED! (COUGH) FLAMES STOPPED US!
I'LL TAKE THESE TWO DOWN WITH ME! YOU GET SET TO JUMP! THE FIREMEN ARE SPREADING THE NET BELOW!
DOWN ZOOMS THE FIGURE OF MISS AMERICA FROM THE FLAMING BUILDING!
GOOD -- THE ORDERLY MADE IT! NOW TO DEPOSIT MY TWO BUNDLES!
THAT EVENING AT HOME ---
LISTEN TO THIS, MADELINE! "THE FLAMING HATE" BLAMED ALL FIREMEN FOR THE DEATH OF HIS WIFE, WHO WAS TRAPPED IN A FIRE AND BURNED TO DEATH! HE WAS OUT FOR REVENGE! IT'S A GOOD THING THAT MISS AMERICA WAS ON THE JOB!
HERE COMES MISS AMERICA! SHE'S CARRYING TWO PEOPLE!
THE END

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